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Dear Barbara,

Because I may not have time to thank you when the Ponzi articles get here I do it now. I did not know he had done a book. I knew he had written an article for the Washingtonian magazine and I've read it. His criticisms of the committee are justified but his theorizing is not justified and even as conjectures fails to meet minimum journalistic standards. Nobody ever goes with a single source, particularly not one as dubious as Veciana, of whom I'veknown for a decade or more.

I fear that such stuff deceives and misleads the people and leads to more of a sense of futility and frustration. It also diverts attention from what is not conjectural and not unreasonable.

However, it does appear to be what can be published, perhaps because of the harm done.

Many thanks.

I hope you all have a very good holiday and a good year ahead.

Sincerely,